(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) During 2008, majority of naxal incidents were reported from some areas of 9 States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Stray naxal incidents have also been reported from Kerala, Karnataka, Haryana and Tamil Nadu. Over 80 percent of naxal incidents and casualties were reported from States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa alone.

There are no inputs to suggest any current tactical linkages of naxals with ULFA and LTTE.

(c) and (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Government deals with naxal problem in a holistic manner. States take appropriate action and Central Government supplements their efforts towards capacity building and resources through a wide range of ongoing schemes on security and development.

Changes made in Warrant of Precedence in 2007

1806. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any changes were made during 2007 in the "Warrant of Precedence";

(b) if so, the reasons for omission of India's two living Five Star Generals—Field Marshal SHFJ Manekshaw who died in June, 2008 and Marshal of the Air Force, Arjun Singh; and

(c) whether Government is proposing to revise the List of Precedence as persons of proven extraordinary Military status are conferred these ranks and they never retire during their life-time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Field Marshal SHFJ Manekshaw and Air Marshal Arjun Singh have been assigned position in Article 12 of the Table of Precedence, commonly referred to as Warrant of Precedence, as a measure personal to them, without making any formal amendment to the Table.

Supreme Court's stay on fines for traffic violation

1807. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has imposed an interim stay on the increase in the fines for violation of traffic rules, earlier ordered by Delhi High Court;

(b) if so, when was this order given;

(c) when was the copy of the order collected by the Traffic Police and the date when it was implemented;

(d) the total amount collected at enhanced rate after the date of order and before implementation of order; and

(e) what is the mode of disposal of enhanced fines collected after the date of order and before implementation of order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its order dated 02.05.2008, had imposed an interim stay on the direction No. 1, as contained in para 55 of the impugned judgment of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in which it was directed that 'whenever any driver of any vehicle including a two wheeler is challenged by the traffic police and/or any other competent authority, he shall be liable to pay costs to Rs. 500/- for each offence committed by him in addition to the composition fee payable in terms of section 200 of Motor Vehicle Act or any other enabling provision of law to that effect'. The said order was received by Delhi Traffic Police on 6.5.2008 and was implemented by Delhi Police with effect from 6/7.5.2008.

(d) and (e) Rs. 91,67,500. This was deposited in Government Treasury.

Extension of social security scheme to EPF and ESIC

1808. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to extend social security scheme to EPF and ESIC gratuity and pension facilities to all construction, Forest, Agriculture and all unorganized sector workers, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the building and other construction workers (Regulation and Service Condition) Welfare Act and Cess Act, 1996 have already been implemented in all States and the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 applies to the establishments employing 20 or more persons engaged in Agricultural farms and Building and Construction Industry with effect from 31.12.1974 and 31.10.1980 respectively. The payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 is also applicable to all establishments employing ten or more workers.

The Employees State Insurance Act, 1948 does not apply to workers engaged in construction, Forest, Agriculture and other unorganised sector workers.

(b) A statement showing the present status of the Implementation of Building and Other Construction Workers (RECS) Act, 1996 is Statement enclosed.